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Civil Rights Book Store Being Evicted

BALTIMORE (AP)—The New Era book shop, which has been the target of picketing, a thrown brick and flaming gasoline, has been given until April 15 to vacate the premises.

Melvin Weinman, who represents the firm which owns the three-story building, yesterday said residents living above and behind the store fear for their lives because of recent attacks on the store.

The store, operated by Robert W. Lee, specializes in left-wing and civil rights literature.

A brick was thrown through the front window of the store in downtown Baltimore Feb. 12. Four days later Lee's car was splashed with red paint.

Both times the front of the book store was plastered with stickers saying, "You are being watched by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan."

Two men tipped over a magazine rack at the store Feb. 27. A five-gallon can filled with gasoline was ignited in the store entrance, causing \$200 damage.

The fire incident, Weinman said, particularly frightened two couples living in apartments above the store and an elderly woman who lives behind it.

Because of this, he said, eviction "seems to be the only thing to do."